LAND "BOOMER" "OFF THE EARTH"

Scenes in Oklahoma Never to Be Repeated.

HITCHCOCK'S NEW SCHEME

Allotment of Tracts Will Now Be Set tled in Washington by Drawing Lots.

The picturesque land boomer, with his prairie schooner, his fast horse to reach desirable ground, and his shooting irons to hold it against others of his kind, who has always been a feature of the opening of Indian and other Government lands to settlement, has been wiped off the face of the earth, so to speak,

Secretary Hitchcock is the man who has made him a thing of the past. The Secretary has signed orders approving methods of opening the Rosebud and the Grande Ronde Indian reserva tions for settlement, and these methods are those of the business man of today rather than those of the old time pio-neer. The orders go into effect Monday, and the reservations are to be opened in a few weeks,

The last opening of a large tract of Government land was in Oklahoma, and for weeks ahead of the time set by the Government, the "boomer" and "sooners" were busy. They were en-camped in vast numbers around the lines of the country to be invaded. Two regiments of cavalry kept them in order. They established huge camps and fast horses to rush over the line were brought from all parts of the West. The cavalrymen fired a gun at noon one day and a tide of immigration went into the territory faster than any thing of the kind ever happened be fore. Of course, there were killings.

Fights for Possession.

Disputes over possession of desirable quarter sections sent many would-be into the Happy Hunting Ground, if whites are allowed in that preserve. Towns sprang up, and in less than a month all the good ground had been pre-empted and a half dozen villages were flourishing. It is said ten thousand "boomers" took part in the rush. The "sooners," those men who lipped past the cavalry and hid inside the reservation lines on ground they intended to pre-empt did not get much out of this rush. They suffered in fatallties because the reservation was so well known to nearly all of the men

But now the boomer is gone with the buffalo, the stage coaches, the war par-ties of Indians and the other stirring events and Individuals that made up the wild west of other days.

Settled by Drawings.

Secretary Hitchcock has arranged that prosaic bids must be offered for one lo of land and that there must be draw-ings for the other. Under this plan there is no use being a boomer. One can sit down in Washington and get his bid in for the Grande Ronde lands, which com-prise twenty-six thousand acres of land in Oregon, by August 1, when they will be opened. These bids can be filled in Washington or at any land office in Oregon. The land will be sold in 160acre lots. The whole tract must bring \$28,500 or the land will not be sold.

The plan for opening the old Rose-

custer and his men were massacred, and where fighting was going on among the red men before Columbus sailed for America, is similar to that under which the old Louisiana lottery was operated called that the Pennsylvania was one the old Louisiana lottery was operated. There is a slim chance for the boomer Intending settlers must apply at the land offices, make his deposit and afficient, and he is then handed a ticket. This method is continued until all of have decided to reduce the forces. Bethe 380,000 acres have been claimed. Then there are to be drawings at va-rious land offices. The man who has ticket No. 1 gets first choice, and the others follow in order. There is no need to race. And hardly any to shoot. The tickets will be issued beginning July 29. The drawings are to follow on as all of the tickets are issued. The orders thus directing things have pleted yesterday, and work on the gen placed on file.

POSTOFFICE INSPECTORS MAY BE TRANSFERRED

Scheme to Place Them Under Control and Direction of the Postmaster General.

According to reports in circulation in the Postoffice Department yesterday, it is possible that within a few months the directly to the control of the Postmaster This action may be taken because of the ill feeling generated by the present system, the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General directing the investigations into the departments of the other three assistants. It is expected the change will be brought about after July 1, when Chief Inspector Cochran UNION STATION PROGRESS. comes purchasing agent of the depart-

ment under the new law. The assistant postmasters general are rapidly becoming enemies of each other under the present system. It is said the mostly the ornamental work for the department is more or less demoralized outside of the building. The foundations of the latter are being laid as fast as because of the feeling. The other as of the latter are being laid as fast as before tears streamed down the faces represented in Washington life this sistants object to Fourth Assistant object to Fo Postmaster General Bristow retaining the railroad.

men. In case the corps is not transfer-

Barber's Graphophone Covers Range of Music

Sacred and Profane, Classic and Popular, Dance and Ragtime Airs Delight Customers Under the Razor.

Graphophones are becoming as com-non in Washington as blackberries in brier patch. New York firms are givng them away with bluing and baking The result is that every alley has at least half a dozen of the in-struments, which industrious music two Italians in the Northeast. They

There is such a thing as the graphothat. Perhaps the best thing to do, in this day and generation, is to acquire it as speedily as possible. It has been stores where this music is on tap, so long grinds out selections from popular the Gold," but nel operas, a sympathetic customer asked in the repertoire. saleswoman if it had taken her long o get used to it.

Piano a Back Number.

"Oh," said the girl, "I hear so much music here that sometimes when I get nome I don't care to play the piano at

musical taste of a neighborhood by the tunes which come floating out on the

A Barber's Instrument.

But there is an exception to this rule, in the shape of a barber shop kept by lovers have earned by collecting "trading stamps." It gives an acute flavor to life for people who happen not to have the graphophone habit.

There is graphophone habit.

There is graphophone habit. night. It pays no more attention to hone taste. One can have no doubt of ple in the neighborhood, especially that. Perhaps the best thing to do, in union hours than its owners. The peotimes wish it would.

The character of the tunes played in the Iowa State convention, which he that barber shop seems to have little thinks sounds the keynote of the Retores where this music is on tap, so or no relation to the business. One publican tocsin for the coming came to speak. In one of these stores, where a graphophone in the basement all day Hair Cut," or "Silver Threads Among at the Treasury to secure copies of this the Gold," but neither of these tunes is

Blessings Flow."
Possibly a man, after having himself air from these machines. A city block is not the place to look for fruit; by their graphophones ye shall know them. If the tune is "Hiawatha" of "Bedelia" you do not expect to find in the

NEWS OF RAILROADS AND OF RAILROAD MEN

WABASH DENIALS.

in dispatches received from the West resident Ramsey, of the Wabash Rail-oad, emphatically denies that any deal is contemplated between the system of which he is the head and the Pennsylvania lines. In a message to a repre-sentative in this city it is stated that the Wabash trains will be running into Pittsburg June 19.

It seems that the reports of a deal were caused by the visit of John D. Rocke feiler, jr., to the Smoky City, where he held a conference with W. E. Corey, of the United States Steel Corporation, and H. C. Frick. Iron and steel matters were discussed, but neither the Wabash nor the Pennsylvania Railroad PERSONAL MENTION. was talked about. President Ramsey City Passenger Agent sserts positively that no traffic or other arrangement between the systems is be ing considered. Mr. Ramsey had nothing to say concerning Washington, and judging from recent statements that all proposed operations in this direction have been postponed indefinitely there is not likely to be any developments for several months.

PENNSYLVANIA RUMORS.

Reports emanating from the Broad Street Station in Philadelphia are to the effect that wholesale reductions are proposed by the heads of the Pennsylvania. Naturally there is apprehension in Washington, the local men being of the opinion that should the ax be bud reservation of the Sioux, the blood-washed battle ground of the Little Big Horn, in South Dakots Custer and his men were massacred, that there are too many men on the There is a slim chance for the boomer of the first of the big lines to raise the and his gun play here—but not much. have decided to reduce the forces. Be-yond rumors nothing is known among the railroad men in Washington of the matter. All are waiting with much in terest, however, for something to de

BRIDGE BUILDING.

The third span of the new railroad bridge across the Potomac was com work reached the city yesterday, and is now piled upon the flats handy for the now piled upon the flats handy for the builders. One of the engineers in charge said yesterday that the bridge would b ready for the ties and tracks not later than September. This being the case here is no reason, he concluded, why trains should not be running over the structure in the fall. The fate of the "Old Long Bridge," which, by the way, is not the structure over which the troops marched to defeat at Bull Run in war times, as many believe, and as some of the "guides" are telling visitors, has not yet been decided. The famous Long Bridge was removed years ago, and the "Old Long Bridge" of to-day was constructed in its place. This bridge is supposed to go when the new structure is completed, but there is scarcely any doubt that it will be retained as a highway and trolley car bridge until the proposed highway bridge, for which Congress provided and on which the contractors are now working, has been completed. With the two bridges in operation, focal railroad men hope that traffic to the South will be less congested than it is at present.

The Eastern granite for the Union

them.

An effort was made recently to have the corps transferred to the department of the first assistant, but this failed. Then the transfer to the Postmaster General was suggested, and it met with favor.

Much gossip is going the rounds as to who will succeed inspector Cochran at who will succeed inspector Cochran at the choice of the corps and the choice of the corps transferred to the department of the tunnel little can be said, except that work is going ahead slowly on the south approach. The work consists in the uninteresting removal of favor.

To the family and friends the song brought memories of its author and the circumstances under which it was written. To the old negroes it was a reminded of the old days, and of the old da

red before the appointment is made M. C. Fosnes seems to be in the lead, with road going ahead with construction that

graded most of the roadbed for the first part of the line, constructed the stone bridges and abutments in many of the ravines, reconstructed Aqueduct Bridge, all within three months. More of the work would already be done had it not been for the cold winter and late spring, which prevented the beginning of excavation until a few weeks ago. The officers of the company, however, assert that the line will be open to Great Falls in the early fall. It is expected that the cross-town franchise will be granted, possibly in December, and that by next spring construction on this part of the line will also be in progress.

City Passenger Agent Wood, of th Seaboard Line, is to be transferred to Raleigh, N. C., for the summer, on June His work for the hot months will fall District Agent J. W. Cole, who returns from Hot Springs a week from tomorrow. Mr. Cole has suffered a long slege of sickness, being ill for more than three months. Col. Walter G. Coleman, traveling passenger agent of the Sea-board, with headquarters in Philadel-phia, has been in Washington several days winning trophies at golf. A. J. Fox, contracting freight agent of the same line, is in the city on business.

Local men are making large prepara
ion tions for the meeting of the Accounting
and Car Service Association, which be
gins Tuesday at the Ebbitt Mouse. The
meeting is to conclude with a because. meeting is to conclude with a banquet.

J. J. Brown, general passenger agent of the Old Dominion Steamship Com-pany, was in Washington yesterday making passenger traffic contracts with several of the officers of the Southern. Col. S. S. Brown has just issued a umber of artistic posters concerning

W. S. Bronson, assistant general pas enger agent of the Chesapeake and Ohlo, has returned from Cincinnati, having completed arrangements for the World's Fair traffic. General Passenger Agent Fuller is busy arranging for the meeting of the passenger men of the country next month at Norfolk.

General Manager Paul Waters, of the party are to visit the resort today to in-spect the improvements.

Col. Al Reed, the District passenger agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, has received several crates of what are said to be the largest pineapples ever grown in Florida.

AT BROTHER'S FUNERAL

Ground" at Grave of Morrison Foster.

A pathetic incident attended the fu-

remembered as the composer of the fa-is understood, union prices for such en-gagements will be raised to a higher fround." As the body was lowered into the grave a quartet sang the old South-lar engagements in Washington.

Gathered about the grave were the VISITING RELATIONS relatives and friends of the dead, and a group of negroes stood by with bowed heads. As the first familiar strains of the old song were sung, the aged negroes

KEEL PLATES LAID.

ALEXANDER READY TO OPEN CAMPAIGN

New York Representative Confident of His State.

WORRIED ABOUT WISCONSIN

Republicans Look on Shaw's Speech to Iowa Conventiona as Tocsin of Campuign.

Representative De Alva Stanwood Alexander of Buffalo, N. Y., was in the city yesterday, en route from Old Point Comfort to his hame.

Colonel Alexander is anuch interested in the speech of Secretary Shaw before

speech for use in New York.
In regard to the New York situation "Bill Balley" might be said to have a colonel Alexander thinks that Buffal has the man for governor, in the personal transfer of the particular transfer of Colonel Alexander thinks that Buffalo trons, perhaps, but where, where, in the whole program of a barber shop, Knight, says Colonel Alexander, has the whole program of a barber shop, Knight, says Colonel Alexander, has the whole program of a barber shop, Knight, says Colonel Alexander, has the whole program of a barber shop, Knight, says Colonel Alexander, has the whole program of a barber shop, Knight, says Colonel Alexander, has the whole program of a barber shop, Knight, says Colonel Alexander, has the whole program of a barber shop, Knight, says Colonel Alexander, has the whole program of a barber shop, Knight, says Colonel Alexander, has the whole program of a barber shop, Knight, says Colonel Alexander, has the whole program of a barber shop, Knight, says Colonel Alexander, has the whole program of a barber shop, Knight, says Colonel Alexander, has the whole program of a barber shop, knight, says Colonel Alexander, has the whole program of a barber shop, knight, says Colonel Alexander, has the whole program of a barber shop, knight, says Colonel Alexander, has the whole program of a barber shop, knight, says Colonel Alexander, has the whole program of a barber shop, knight, says Colonel Alexander, has the whole program of a barber shop and would the doxology be appropriate? Yet friends of consequence in every town at intervals in course of the day that and city in the State, as well as in all graphophone does indubitably grind out the rural communities, and he has those the air of "Praise God From Whom All personal qualities which result in votes to a marked degree Colonel Alexander is sanguine as to the Presidential situation in New York

The New York Representative is con cerned about the situation in Wisconsin, but does not fear the disastrous consequences predicted in the newspapers. He draws encouraging conclusions from the fact that Governor La Pollette and the bolting faction, which comprises the two Senators and all the Administration forces, have agreed to leave their differences to the courts. It is his belief that the "bolters" will win in such a tribunal, and that this will render Gov ernor La Follette powerless to throw the State to the enemy.

As he puts its, a leader who is dis credited in court loses his following and he says this is proven by results in New York, where there have been many factional fights. In every instance, says Colonel Alexander, where the matter went into the courts, the side which was worsted found itself without grounds on which to continue the fight. Colonel Alexander thinks it a wise move for the Illinois convention to adjourn. He thinks that when it reassembles a compromise will be possible. He does not regard it as likely that Yates will be able to muster sufficient strength to land the nomination, notwithstanding the fact that on adjourning he had such a substantial lead.

ALL MANAGERS TO HIRE

Fight With Local Union Promises to Take a Lively Aspect in Fall.

the fall no further trouble among cal musicians and theater rnanagers is anticipated. The recent order of the President, through the Assistant Secre ary of the Navy, Mr. Darling, has suf-

ficed, at least for the time being, to put at rest the minds of members of the in Federation of Music When the Government musiciants were notified of the President's orders those who were then playing in the Larayette Theater orchestra withdrew. places were filled by other players. Two of these were brought by the management from New York and the union now

has no apparent grievance against the The bringing of musicians from New York is fraught with significance. Pollowing in the lead of Mr. La Motte. inager of the Lafayette, it is almost hesapeake Beach Raffroad, and a certain that this plan will be followed in the fall by every manager in Wash-

> Hundreds of musicians in New York not members of the union, are ready to theater orchestra players. A word from ocal managers will bring them here should they be enticed into union ranks thers would be immediately imported. This action of local managers will erve to defeat the object for which the mion has been working. It will bring

Members of the Marine Band are not llowed to talk, according to the regu-Quartet Sings "Massa's in De Cold, Cold | lations of the service, and, as soldlers, will comply with the recently issued order of the Assistant Secretary of the

It was said this morning by a stanch friend and adherent of the Marine Band as an organization that the union purposes to claim and, in fact, so it is un eral of Morrison Foster, a well-known derstood, did claim to the President esident of Pittsburg. The services were that members of the band are working held in Pittsburg last week, and burial under wages. The same man is au-The grave was dug just next to that will be made to freeze the Marine Band in which the body of Stephon C. Foster out of its usual summer engagement at a brother, is buried. The latter will be Chevy Chase Lake, For this purpose, it

OF FORMER PRESIDENTS

There are a number of the families of singers trembled as they continued the however, being Mrs. James Garfield, who control of the corps of inspectors, and it is known that Mr. Payne sustains that progress is comparatively slow, and except for a large amount of dirt re-

the late President Harrison, has been a guest of friends in Washington for

some weeks past, and is now with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Foster.

Two Ears and an Eye Worth Only \$49 Each

District Offers to Pay for Lost Organs of Hearing and Sight at This Rate---Former Owner Wants \$1,500.

Jackson Boney, frightfully disfigured for having been rendered unable to work and disabled on October 19, 1903, by an by the effects of the explosion. explosion of gas in a sewer while employed by the District, will be paid \$147 by the District for the loss of his ears

and one eye. This is the recommendation of Engineer Commissioner Biddle on the opin-ion of Corporation Counsel Duvall that ly as he knew of the danger he would the District is not legally bound to pay Boney damages for his injuries, but that

into the manhole of the sewer by his foreman, he was not obliged to go, incur.

The \$147 comes from his being paid fo it would be a good thing to pay him the amount mentioned as compensation day. Boney wanted \$1,500 as damages.

SANITARY REPAIRS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

000 in Plumbing-Thorough Overhauling Planned.

Within the next two weeks turther conracts for plumbing in other schools will be let at a cost of about \$20,000.

The idea of the District authorities is to remodel thoroughly all the plumbing of the schools that may be in the slightest unserviceable condition. After this work has been done, it will be assured hat the health of the youngsters will be safe so far as the sanitary state of the schools is concerned

The four schools for which the plumb ng contracts have already been let are the Stevens School, on Twenty-first Street northwest, between K and I Streets; the Webster, corner of Tenth and H Streets northwest; the Peabody corner of Fifth and C Streets northeast, and the Dennison, on S Street northwest, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets.

DOG KILLS ITSELF AND ALMOST MASTER'S FAMILY

ATLANTIC CITY, May 21.-The pet dog of William Clemen, receiving teller of the Marine Trust Bank here, jumped on the gas stove in the Clemen home ast night and turned on the gas. The family were all nearly asphyxiat-

The dog was found dead on the gas

MINOR REPAIRS FOR BRIGHTWOOD AVENUE

Request Contained in Police Chief's Complaint.

Overhauling Planned.

Chief's Complaint.

Said it refers particularly to the incident which raised the issue, the alleged ill-treatment of the negress. Ada Cross, while being disciplined because of alleged vicious conduct.

When completed the report will be submitted to Justice Pritchard who of the roadway of Brightwood Avenue from Richmond Street to the village of Brightwood, according to the report of the schools have been let, involving an expenditure of more than \$5,000. Within the next two weeks further conWithin the next two weeks further conSylvester, that the road be repaired at Sylvester, that the road be repaired at

The report also explains that the work of thoroughly improving the foad will be undertaken after July 1, next, when appropriations will become avallable.

roadway in the District, but the Dis-trict engineers are determined to get it into good shape, and keep it so that travel on it will be safe and convenient.

RIDER DRANK ACID TO END HIS LIFE

After viewing the body of William Rider, the negro who drank a quantity of carbolic acid at his home, 645 C Street southeast, Coroner Nevitt issued certificate of death by suicide. The police reported that Rider had a

quarrel with his wife yesterday morning, and after the disagreement he went to his room and ended his life. Mrs. Rider stated yesterday that the police were mistaken, as her husband had no quarrel with her, and drank the acid because of despondency caused by his inability to get work.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH; **ENEMY IS SUSPECTED**

WANT A NEW STREET OPENED.

JAMAICA, L. I., May 21.—Henry Wade, William Wiggers, and John Seaman, of the South Side Citizens' Association, have been appointed a committee of that organization to ascertain the feeling of the people and property owners east of Remsen Pond, and to plan and arrange for a meeting relative to the opening of a street from Rockaway road east to the Merrick road.

JERSEY SHORE, Pa. May 21.—Somebody hidden in a strip of woods shot thirteen-year-old John Reinhart, of Nichols Run, early this morning.

John and a younger brother were out feeding rabbits, when a gun cracked, and John exclaimed, "I'm shot!" One double B shot had penetrated the skull, one the nose, and a third plowed through the scalp. The others passed through his hat. The family suspect an enemy of the family, but decline to make known his identity. The boy will recover.

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WIDE-AWAKE to your wants and your interests. We aim to run the best drug store in town, and how well we succeed is shown in the popularity that this drug store enjoys.

Medicines-No matter how well or how little known, you are pretty sure of finding here whatever you ask for. We have a very full line of all patent and proprietary medicines-and we never attempt to sell you "something else just as good."

Drugs and Chemicals—A full stock of reliable qualities. Whatever you from us you can depend on being pure, fresh, and the best

Bath and Toilet Needs — We make a specialty of carrying an unusually fine assortment of Druggists' Sundries. All kinds of Brushes, Bath Brushes, Sponges, Toilet Sorps, Toilet Waters, Face Powders, Perfumes, Atomizers, Hot Water Bags, Syringes, Manicure Articles, Combs, Hand Mirrors, Bath Mitts, Rubber Sponges, &c., &c. Qualities above suspicion and prices always moderate.

Williams' Temple Drug Store, Corner 9th and F.

REPORT MONDAY ON ADA CROSS CHARGES

Testimony of Witnesses Nearly Transcribed.

TO BE SUBMITTED TO COURT

Grand Jury to Investigate District Jail If Complaint Is Substantiated.

by Assistant District Attorney Peyton Gordon concerning the charges made by Ada Cross of illtreatment of her by guards at the District jail, it is ex-pected, will be completed tomorrow. Hugh Taggart, jr., stenographer to District Attorney Beach, who took testimony of witnesses at the jail testifying in reference to the matter, has been busy several days transcribing his

notes, and will in all probability com-plete the work tomorrow. The report will contain about fifty or sixty typewritten pages, the testimony of twenty or more witnesses. The evidence, it is said, will take a wide scope and be interesting. On the whole it is said it refers particularly to the incident

BEES HOLD UP TOWN THREE LIVELY HOURS

POTTSTOWN, Pa., May 21.-A large olony of stray bees settled in front of the South Hanover Street bowling althe South Hanover Street bowling alleys here this afternoon and blocked the town's main thoroughfare and delayed business for three hours. Several hundred persons gathered, but all were induced to keep at a respectful distance and no extra business resulted. Finally Zephaniah Shaffer, a veteran bee raiser, appeared and succeeded in hiving most of the troublesome insects, although many are still flying about the street tonight.

IMPORTANT TO WOMEN!



EVERY WOMAN knows that the secre already has, or in restoring those she has lost. She may have the sweetest disposition in the world, but unless nature has bestowed upon her a clear complexion, rounded features, a well-turned neck, and beautiful bust, she is seriously handicapped. Men are attracted and held by these charms, and she is a wise woman who will strive by every means to preserve of restore these blessings.

DR. CHARLES FLESH FOOD

preparation that will round out hollowed, this cheeks or scrawny neck with FIRM, HEALTHY FLESH and REMOVE WRINKLES from the face and hands no matter.

For Developing the Immature Bust or to make the breast firm, large, and beauti-tul nothing can equal it. To prevent the breasts from shrinking mothers should always use Dr. Charles Flesh Food after weaning baby. It will also restore a bosom to its natural contour and beauty lost through this cause.

WARNING— We wish to warn the public to avoid substitutes of this famous preparation. DR. CHARLES FLESH FOOD is on sale at the principal Department Stores and Druggists'. If your dealer has not got it, send to us.

SPECIAL OFFER.

The regular price of Dr. Charles Flesh Food is \$1.00 a box, but to introduce it into thousands of new homes we have decided to send two (2) boxes to all who answer this advertisement and send us \$1.00. All packages are sent in plain wrapper, postage prepaid.

FREE A sample box—just enough to con-inse you of the great merit of Dr. Charles Flesh for cost of malling. We will also send you our illustrated book, "Art of Massage," which contains all the proper movements for massaging the face, neck, and arms, and full directions for developing the bust. Address DR. CHARLES CO., 19 Park Place.



C. Fosnes seems to be into lead, with Walter S. Mayer second. Mayer is in the tracks are going down on the Aqueduct Bridge. The widening and rebuilding of the structure has been completed backed by Bristow and other influences.

C. Fosnes seems to be into lead, with construction that the lead, with construction that the tracks are going down on the Aqueduct Bridge. The widening and rebuilding of the structure has been completed with the exception of putting down the service of the New York division, and lead with construction that the l